

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lateralization device for providing a lateralization effect to a body portion of a user, comprising:

a supporting member adapted to be supported in a fixed position; and

a lateralization member mounted onto the supporting member and expanding laterally therefrom to provide a lateralization effect to a user's body portion;

wherein the lateralization effect ~~can be varied as desired~~ varies in different lateral directions.

2. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 1, wherein the supporting member comprises a post member.

3. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 3, wherein the post member comprises a substantially cylindrical outer wall.

4. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 3, wherein the post member comprises a plurality of interference fittings on the outer wall for engaging with complementary interference fittings formed on an inner wall of the lateralization member.

5. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 1, wherein the lateralization member is formed of a material that can resist a pressure exerted thereon and maintain its initial shape during a normal use.

6. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 1, wherein the lateralization member comprises a substantially cylindrical member with a recessed portion formed by an inner wall.

7. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 6, wherein the cylindrical member has a substantially circular cross-section.

8. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 6, wherein the recessed portion is located in an eccentric position on the cylindrical member.

9. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 6, wherein the lateralization member comprises a plurality of interference fittings formed on the inner wall for engaging with complementary interference fittings formed on the supporting member.

10. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 1, wherein the lateralization member comprises a padding member.

11. (Currently Amended) The lateralization device of claim 4,
wherein the lateralization member is provided with a recessed portion formed by an inner wall; and

wherein a plurality of interference fittings are formed on the inner wall for engaging with complementary interference fittings formed on the outer wall of the supporting member, the interference fittings on the inner wall of the lateralization being more than the complementary interference fittings on the outer wall of the supporting member;

whereby the lateralization member can rotate in relation to the supporting member.

12. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 11, wherein the lateralization member can rotate in one direction in relation to the supporting member.

13. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 11, wherein the recessed portion is located in an eccentric position on the cylindrical member.

14. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 1 further comprising a padding member, the padding member is an elongated member and adapted to wrap around the lateralization member for more than one time.

15. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 1 further comprising a protection member at least partially wrap around the lateralization member.

16. (Currently Amended) A lateralization device for providing a lateralization effect to a user's body portion during a medical procedure, comprising:

a supporting member adapted to be supported in a fixed position; and

a lateralization member supported by the supporting member and extending transversely therefrom to form a substantially circular cylindrical circumference and exert a lateralization vector force to a user's body portion and provide a lateralization effect to the user's body portion;

wherein the supporting member is positioned in an eccentric position in relation to the lateralization member maintains the lateralization effect throughout the medical procedure, so that the lateralization effect varies along the circular circumference of the lateralization member.

17. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 16, wherein the lateralization member provides a lateralization effect to a user's hip joint in a hip arthroscopy.

18. (Original) The lateralization device of claim 16, wherein the supporting member is adapted to be mounted onto a fracture table.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a lateralization effect to a user's body ~~portion~~ portions in a medical procedure, the method comprising:

providing a lateralization vector force to ~~position part~~ the user's body portions ~~portion in a desired relationship for the medical procedure;~~

increasing the lateralization vector force to position the user's body portions further apart from each other; and

maintaining the position of the user's body portion throughout the medical procedure.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the lateralization vector force is exerted on the user's hip portion in a hip arthroscopy to provide a hip lateralization.